

# ENGLISH SHEPHERDS BETTER THAN EVER

Fine Specimens to Be Shown  
at Westminster K. C.  
Fixture.

AMERICA HAS THE BEST

Bobtail Said to Be Due to Tax  
Put on Tails in Olden  
Days.

It is likely that the exhibit of old English shepherds at the Westminster Kennel Club show in New York in February will be the best seen for years. There is considerable interest in the breed in the United States and Canada, and it is more than probable that the dogs and bitches of this variety now owned on the North American Continent are the best of the breed owned in the world. This is a bold statement; but there is no element of romance about it.

The Viking Kennels are sending Farmers' friends a young and ready dog of great merit. He is not an abnormally coated dog; he appears the workman and he is robust in every way. The Tyler-Morse dogs are expected and so are some of Morris Knott's new dogs, which will carry the hopes of that kennel. It is not unlikely that the Clossburn kennels will exhibit their new dog, which was purchased from a farmer at the Haversham, Fair this fall. There is great faith placed in this new dog, which was born on a ship bound from England for Philadelphia. The dog may not yet be "ready" in coat, but he will, with health, some day grow into an important one.

The old English or bobtailed shepherd is an interesting animal. At one time he was nearly lost to the British farmer. Had it not been for the fact that William Wade of Hulton, Pa., the bobtailed might have died out altogether. Wade, in the '80s, joined and fostered the Old English Shepherd Club of England, and paid for pamphlets to the breeders in America. Wade of Hulton, Pa., the bobtailed might have died out altogether. Wade, in the '80s, joined and fostered the Old English Shepherd Club of England, and paid for pamphlets to the breeders in America.

The old English shepherd is of great antiquity and there may be recognized in the rough coated shepherd dogs of northern Europe. The peculiar pigeon blue and white marked dogs of this kind may, however, be looked upon as "British." The dogs allied in some way to this kind in France, Holland and nearby countries in Europe are generally darker in color and they have not the markings. The generally tawn, but like the other Continental dogs, carries a long tail.

It is said that the reason for the bob or short tail on an old English shepherd is because of a tax. It is said that the tax on a dog's tail is a "tall" and the long tailed dog, with a turn of speed, can more quickly turn to run into and out of a dog's tail. Long tailed dogs were therefore a dislikable and undesirable to owners of game properties. The only way to get rid of such dogs was to tax their owners.

It is a matter for scientists to decide whether continual docking of dogs will bring about a race of short tailed dogs. All breeders of old English shepherds are fully aware that in a litter there may be found puppies with little resemblance of a tail. There may be others with bob tails, half tails and tails of full length. It has been observed that sometimes the long tailed ones have clean legs; there is no abundance of coat around them. It has also been remarked that clean legged, short tailed or half tailed dogs generally arrive together in these puppies. The inference is there has been some side out cross, some collie, greyhound, deerhound or Irish wolfhound.

Since old English shepherds for breeding purposes have been selected it will have been noticed they have grown more and more wonderful. They unfortunately have become softer in their hair and altogether more "moppy" in appearance. The long, harsh hair of the bobtail should be encouraged. It is a soft and fluffy coat, and it is to become a sort of sponge, and the presence of much moisture in the coat of a dog must not only be a danger to his health, but a detriment to his ability to do his very calling as a shepherd and cattle dog. In a plain blue and white dog a glaucous, pale blue or "sea green" colored bobtail with much white markings, which is the color of the coat of the old English shepherd, is a desirable variation in the ordinary color of the eyes of animals may also be observed in piebald and shaggy horses. Dalmatian dogs and human beings. In old English shepherds, some admirers of them like wall eyes. There is an old saying that a wall eyed dog never goes blind. A sightless dog is of no use to a shepherd, hence the sympathy in this direction persists.

It has not yet been announced who will judge the old English shepherds at the Westminster Kennel Club show. Whoever he will be likely to meet with a good entry and one of capital quality.

## DOG SHOW FOR ROCHESTER.

Genesee Valley Kennel Club Will Hold Exhibition in March.

The Genesee Valley Kennel Club has secured membership and license for its first show in Rochester on March 13 and 14. Money will be offered in three classes. The judges who have accepted are: F. M. Jowett of Shipley, Yorkshire, England; for all hounds and terriers; George H. Hayes of Boston, Mass., for English and French bulldogs and Boston terriers; Miss Le Doux of New York, for Pekingese, Japanese spaniels and Maltese; Dr. John DeMund of Brooklyn, for the large breed and some of the toy dogs. The judge for the gun dogs has not been decided. The club medal is being designed by Charles Mackarness, and one of these will be offered for the best dog in each class in each breed. The chairman of the bench show committee is Arthur B. Proctor, and the secretary, Eben Halley, with headquarters at the Hotel Seneca, Rochester, N. Y.

## BOYD HAS NEW Bitch Coming.

Charles P. Boyd, proprietor of the Hedgerow Kennels, Landowne, Pa., of which the bulldog champion Hewlett's King Orry is the chief member, is importing a new bull bitch from England. She was won a number of prizes and is expected she will arrive in time to be got ready for the Westminster Kennel Club show in New York in February. It is Mr. Boyd's present intention to exhibit King Orry and Hedgerow's Patricia at the Grand Central Palace event.

## A Doggie Christmas Card.

Daniel E. Lynn of Port Huron, Mich., and owner of the very well known kennel of wire haired fox terriers, sent in a very attractive Christmas card. It is a card of the wire haired champion Lynfield Sales and the puppy Lynfield Cymru are illustrated.

# FOUR BREEDS OF WIDELY DIFFERENT KINDS, EACH WITH ITS SPECIAL ADHERENTS



Mrs. Grace De Pay Stoner of Monticello, Mass., and her prize Russian wolfhound father.

## ORIGIN OF PEKE IN ENGLAND.

Mrs. Allen Writes of the First Japanese Dog Shown There.

Mrs. Minna Loftus Allen, the well known dog owner, writes to THE SUN as follows:

"CARLTON, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, Dec. 16, 1913.

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK SUN: I read with the greatest pleasure the interesting article in your issue of November 29 on Pekingese dogs and their origin.

"You mention my name and that of my husband, Capt. Loftus Allen, as being the first to show these dogs in this country.

"You rightly ascribe to us that honor.

"My first importations (I exhibited at the Chester show in 1894. The *Stockkeeping* of that date refers to him as another of Mrs. Allen's wonderful Eastern products.

"My Japanese spaniels were already famous in the bench show world of that day.

"It was not until 1898, three years after the importation of Pekingese dogs, that my husband brought the pair Peking Prince and Peking Princess to this country.

"These latter two, as is well known, came direct from the Palace of Peking and together with Peter were the founders of the breed in this country inasmuch that every champion Pekingese bred in England traces his or her pedigree back to them.

"I am one of the oldest judges and one of the original founders of the Pekingese Club of England.

"I am the owner of Champion Peking Pearl, now over 11 years old. He is the sire of Champion Peking Pu-Yi, which I sold to the late J. Pierpont Morgan for \$500.

"Champion Peking Pu-Yi is also the sire of Champion Chin-hu and Kin Wah, both in one litter, and Tung Chih, winner of two championships. Peking Pu-Yi is another of Champion Peking Pearl's offspring. He has won a championship, besides dozens of other prize winners.

"I also am the breeder of Champion Pearl, belonging to Gertrude Lady Deedes, Champion Pearl has won eighteen championships.

"As you may well imagine, it gives me the greatest pleasure to see in THE SUN the rapid strides the breed is making in America. And I can only hope Pekingese will become as popular there as in England. For they are truly a fascinating breed."

## COLLIES OF IMPORTANCE.

Knocklyde Kennels Import Seely's Sterling and Seely's Sylvia.

Thomas P. Hunter of the Knocklyde Kennels has purchased more collies of importance. These are Champion Seely's Sterling and Champion Seely's Sylvia. The dog has arrived, but the bitch will come on later. Seely's Sterling has won seventy-six first prizes and six championship certificates on the other side. Seely's Sylvia has taken four championship certificates. Sterling is a dog of very great quality and possesses an excellent coat. He is another such dog as a "warrior" Lord. He is not so large. Seely's Sylvia is the refined type, and his ears are carried high and well. He is a gayly colored sable and white.

Sylvia is a black, white and tan in color and possesses a long head, flat skull and good ears. When her portrait was taken she was out of coat.

The kennels recently built by Mr. Hunter are elaborate and the to be built here and abroad.

## Mrs. Platt Scores With Lassalot.

Mrs. C. N. Platt of Astoria made no mistake when she purchased the bull bitch, Lassalot from Robert Lobban. This newly imported one had accomplished a lot of winning on the other side, and it is now history that she was placed over Paul Seardon's Beaming Belle at the last Bull Dog Breeders' show. Lobban has bought and sold Lassalot twice, the white bitch being always a fancy of his. Furthermore, she is a breeder, and by Bully, by Cold Blast, by Prince Albert. This blood is choice and much esteemed by blood fanciers. Mrs. Platt gave \$700 for Lassalot.

## St. Elmo Show a Success.

The St. Elmo, Far Rockaway, show on Wednesday night was a great success and so large was the crowd that it was sometimes difficult to get near the judging ring. Mr. Harry Rich Monney received many congratulations over her win with her Pekingese Yuan Shai Kai of Cobhouse, in the novice class.

## Mrs. Stark Will Show Poodle.

Mrs. Robert Stark of the Hotel Manhattan, New York, has just purchased a very good young black poodle dog from the Red Brook Kennels of Long Island. Mrs. Stark will show her new dog at the Newark show and at the Westminster Kennel Club show.

## Dr. De Mund on Newark State.

The Newark Kennel Club has not yet made up its slate of judges for its big show on January 14, but it is expected that Dr. John De Mund of Brooklyn will take several of the breeds. G. Muscarelli, Howard Ehrlich and Mrs. McClure-Halley are also on the list.

## THE PEKINGESE DOG, CHAMPION Peking Pu-Yi, property of Mrs. Loftus Allen, Birkenhead, England. The late J. Pierpont Morgan gave \$2,500 for Champion Peking Pu-Yi, a son of this dog.



Old English shepherd Farmers' Prize, property of Alving Kennels of Newburgh, N. Y.

## BLOMBERG GIVING UP DOGS, GOES TO SWEDEN

Mrs. Sora's Kennel Manager to Devote Time to Fruit and Poultry.

Hilmar Blomberg, late kennel manager for Mrs. Paul A. Sora of New York, who sells on the Helig Olaf, Christiania, Sweden, on Friday next to live again in his home land, is a most interesting man—a man who, fond of animals, has lived twenty years in this country, and still in the prime of life returns to his own land to settle down.

Blomberg started working in the middle West, and as he says, he was a general assistant, a handy man of all trades. But he liked animals, and when he came east he met the late Mrs. Sora, the current veterinarian of New York. In the most difficult operations Blomberg was the assistant.

Mrs. Paul A. Sora required a manager for her new kennel of Pekingese and Blomberg was the chosen man on the recommendation of Sherwood. It is history that Blomberg bred his dogs on the Helig Olaf. He had dogs of all breeds—English, Scotch and Irish—pure bred, and he has been made well off by members of the Sora family. But he says he longs for his home and the property he has purchased at Astoria, forty-five minutes from Christiania. He will go in for intensive fruit culture and poultry farming there.

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## GLENMERE SHOW UNIQUE.

Robert Golet Will Celebrate Completion of Mansion With Bench Show.

To celebrate the completion of the new mansion just built by Robert Golet at Glenmere, a great dog show is to be given in the spring. The glorious grounds overlooking Glenmere Lake will be thrown open to the public and every one interested in dogs will be entertained within and without the new Golet house just completed at an enormous cost. The date of the show has not yet been chosen, but it will be held in the spring. At present it is the intention of Mr. Golet to give an all round show—nothing but terriers. It is on the cards, however, that other classes will be added and those possible for ladies and dogs.

The Glenmere mansion show promises to be one of the most remarkable ever held in the world. It will be a free affair with very little expense to the owner save the cost of the food and drink for the dogs. The rest will be free, indeed the show will be given on the same basis as the old tournaments of medieval times when large numbers of knights and squires fought and sports of other days.

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